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HOUSE MEMORIAL 19-1002

101 MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE GWYN GREEN.

1 WHEREAS, Former Representative Gwyn Green departed this life
2 on September 12, 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Green was born in New Orleans,
4 Louisiana, on November 21, 1938, and was raised in Houston, Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Green graduated from St. Mary's
6 College, Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1961 and met her husband Dan at Notre
7 Dame where he graduated; they were married in 1961 in Houston, Texas,
8 and he served in the Air Force in New York and Albany, Georgia, before
9 they moved to Colorado in 1964, where they raised their four children;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Green was active in her local church,
12 developing child care facilities, studying scripture, forming community
13 social and prayer groups, and welcoming newcomers, and she worked in
14 local parish offices and helped develop liturgies; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Green received her Master of Social

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HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
April 15, 2019

1 Work in 1986 from the University of Denver; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Green was an active advocate for
3 peace and social justice, participating in the April 1979 protest at Rocky
4 Flats Nuclear Facility where protestors surrounded the plant and, in 2000,
5 joining a protest at Fort Benning, Georgia, against the United States Army
6 School of America's human rights and criminal violations in Latin
7 America, during which she was detained and issued an order not to
8 reenter the Army base for five years; and

9 WHEREAS, After moving to Golden, Colorado, in 1995,
10 Representative Green deepened her commitment to public service,
11 working with the Jefferson County League of Women Voters to address
12 public policy related to pollution, water quality, and natural resources
13 issues, as well as children's public safety; the Denver Regional Council
14 of Governments (DRCOG); and Save the Mesas, a citizen-led protest
15 group that formed following a 1997 proposal by Nike to relocate its world
16 headquarters to South Table Mountain, and from 2001-2004, she served
17 on Golden's City Council for Ward Four; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Green's fierce commitment to
19 supporting and protecting Golden presaged her equally fierce and
20 dedicated advocacy at the state level when, in 2004, she was elected as
21 a Democratic state representative to represent District 23, and she gained
22 the nicknames "Landslide Green" and the "Fighting Granny", the latter of
23 which typified her fierce advocacy for seniors, children, the poor, and her
24 beloved city, Golden; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Green was a kind mentor and friend
26 to everyone she met; and

27 WHEREAS, During her time as a state representative,
28 Representative Green focused her work on legislation that protected
29 victims, including those who were victimized by clergy; and

30 WHEREAS, In 2006, Representative Green cosponsored a bill
31 with then Senate President Joan Fitz-Gerald that would have lifted the
32 statute of limitations on civil lawsuits in cases of sexual abuse, and they
33 let the measure die on the last day of session rather than watch it be
34 weakened by opponents, including the Catholic Church; and

35 WHEREAS, Representative Green's delight was her faith, family,

1 and friends, and she is survived by her loving husband Dan Green; two
2 younger siblings, Wayne Druilhet and Melanie Morris; four children,
3 Kevin Green, Laura Green, Mark Green, and Ben Green; 10
4 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; now, therefore,

5 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
6 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

7 That, in the death of former Representative Gwyn Green, the
8 people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an
9 outstanding citizen, and that we, members of the Seventy-second General
10 Assembly, pay tribute to Representative Green for her years of dedicated
11 public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to
12 the members of her family.

13 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Memorial be sent to
14 Dan Green, Wayne Druilhet, Melanie Morris, Kevin Green, Laura Green,
15 Mark Green, Ben Green, the League of Women Voters, and the City of
16 Golden.